

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: <u>DEP05 510</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of Bartolomei, et al.

Serial No.: 09/537,095

Art Unit: 1753

Filed: March 29, 2000

Examiner: Rodney G. McDonald

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DEVICES HAVING COATED ELEMENTS

TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop – Petitions Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request To Remail Office Action and Restart the Period For Reply to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2001 for the above-identified application.

If a Petition for an Extension of Time is necessary for the papers transmitted herewith to be timely filed, this transmittal is to be considered as a petition to extend the period by the amount of time needed for the papers to be timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests the Office to remail the Office Action mailed on October 30, 2001 (hereinafter "Office Action"), and to restart the period for reply to the Office Action. The basis for this request is that the Applicant did not receive the Office Action mailed on October 30, 2001.

On January 12, 2004, Applicant contacted examiner Rodney G. McDonald by telephone in an effort to determine the status of the application. Applicant was informed by Examiner McDonald that the application had been abandoned for failure to respond to an Office Action. Further, the examiner stated that the Office Action had been mailed on

October 30, 2001 and that the Notice of Abandonment had been mailed on January 23, 2003.

The undersigned hereby states that neither the Office Action nor the Notice of Abandonment were timely received by the attorneys of record in the application.

In accordance with Memorandum-I dated February 15, 2002, the undersigned hereby respectfully requests the Office to withdraw the holding of abandonment; remail the Office Action; and restart the period for reply.

Favorable consideration and granting of this request is hereby solicited.

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